

Dear Parents,

Technology plays a vital role in 21st Century learning and Mills Park Middle is committed to teaching digital literacy. We support and encourage the appropriate and responsible use of technology and will take reasonable measures to protect students and ensure that technology use aligns with educational objectives.

This year we will use several types of technology during class. Some of the projects students will create online include glogs (posters with hyperlinks and graphics), book trailers using Animoto, presentations using Prezi, timelines using Timetoast and online comics using ToonDo. The students will upload and collaborate on documents using Google Drive and will use interactive sites such as Quizlet, Voicethread and SAS Curriculum Pathways to enhance their learning. **Teachers will show the students how to use these resources appropriately and students will use their Wake County email accounts to access these tools.**

During classroom instruction, students will be under direct supervision at all times and students are trained in online safety. Please consider previewing these creative resources to see examples of the powerful that your child will use this year.

Animoto Example: [Booktrailer](#)

Voicethread Example: [What's a Voicethread?](#)

Glogster Example: [Visiting Author Glog about Marc Aronson](#)

Because of the interactive nature of some of these sites, parental permission is required for students to use these resources. Please sign below to grant your permission for students to use these tools.

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*As the parent/guardian of the student, I grant permission for my child to use the MPMS network in all the following ways: Internet services, student email, Google docs and other teacher-approved sites for projects.*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_